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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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- Mariam Slayhi
 - Amanda Winterer
 - Matt Ruby
 - Liz Reiser
 - Bob Marget
 - John Olson
 - Vacant



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Industrial Air Pollution Press Conference



From left to right: **Stephanie Yuen**, MPH (Biostatistician), **Tonye Sylvanus**, MD, MPH (Research Coordinator), **Mariam Slayhi** (BNA President)

On July 25, BNA hosted a well-attended press conference to discuss results from the Cancer and Air Pollution Death study written about in last month’s issue of the Gazette. Our thanks go out to **Tonye Sylvanus** for leading the research that exposes air pollution problems around the Lowry Bridge. We especially thank **Stephanie Yuen** for her volunteer work and expertise in making sense of all the data. And, as always, BNA president **Mariam Slayhi** did a great job of leading the conference and keeping everyone on track during the question and answer period.

In brief, the first phase of this study collected air samples from McKinley and Bottineau neighborhoods to identify the polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) being emitted by **GAF Building Materials Company**. The second phase examined 19 years of vital statistics from the Lowry Bridge area to find out how many

First Annual California Building Community Day

*August 13, 11am – 4pm
2505 California St. NE*

Join Bottineau Neighborhood Association and your local neighborhood artists at the California Building’s 1st Annual “Community Day” Open Studio Event.

(See page 3 for more info)

deaths had occurred that could be air pollution-related, then compared those numbers to the same set of vital statistics from the study’s control area in Mound, MN.

In the next phase of this study, a survey will be mailed to all residents who live on both sides of the river near the Lowry Bridge, followed by a door-to-door canvass that will help us find and talk to every living resident who has been affected by diseases related to air pollution. Armed with this data, we aim to eliminate the stench and toxic fumes being emitted by the polluters. But **we need 20 volunteers** to help with this work. Interested? Call the BNA office at 612-367-7262 and leave a message, or send an email to bna@bottineaneighborhood.org

Phone

Police, Fire and Medical
Emergency:
911

Minneapolis City Info:
311

Bottineau Neighborhood
Association
367-7262

3rd Ward Councilmember
Frey
673-2203

Hennepin County
Commissioner Higgins
348-7882

Parks Commissioner
Wielinski
230-6443

Bottineau Park
370-4958

Family Violence,
Domestic Abuse, Child
Abuse
673-3072

Housing Inspections
673-5858

East Side Neighborhood
Services (ESNS)
781-6011

Community Crime
Prevention
673-2797

Pierre Bottineau Library
630-6890

Minneapolis Park Board
230-6400

Minneapolis Solid Waste
and Recycling
673-2917

Traffic Enforcement
673-3443

BNA's Annual Board Election

The BNA board election will be held on September 22, 2016, at Eastside Neighborhood Services (1700 2nd St NE). Bottineau residents, landlords and business owners will be able to vote in person or via a mail-in ballot that will be sent out prior to the election. More information will be in the next Gazette. To run for office, send a picture and a short bio to BNA (for the September issue of the Gazette) by August 31st. Current candidates are as follows:



Koral Purdy is a long time Bottineau resident and volunteer. She has served on committees for Fundraising, Mulberry Junction Garden and Crime Solutions. She has also helped with the Neighborhood Cleansweep and is an avid gardener. Koral has 4 adult children and, with her partner John, she also has one teen, Jasmine, who attends Edison High School.



Matthew Ruby has lived in Bottineau since 1998. His grandmother lived in Bottineau for 40 years so he also grew up visiting her in the neighborhood.

Matthew owns his own IT services company and enjoys remodeling his home. He has served as Treasurer and Vice President on the board of directors and is dedicated to making Bottineau a great place to live, work and play.



Mariam Slayhi, neighbor and property owner in Bottineau, has served on BNA's board for 5 years and is now its current president. During this time, she has led efforts to improve neighborhood air quality, create events that celebrate and connect the rich diversity of people in Bottineau, and worked on safe traffic and bike crossings in the neighborhood. She looks forward to continuing her work to serve Bottineau neighborhood.



Amanda Winterer is a local homeowner, landlord and Realtor who believes in community building at a local level. She has enjoyed hosting her block parties for National Night Out for the last 3 years, and representing the community on BNA's Board for the last 2 years, with 1 year as Treasurer. She hopes to continue serving the neighborhood on the board for another term.

Community Day at the California Building

August 13, 11am – 4pm
2505 California St. NE

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the California Building as a haven for working artists and their studios. To celebrate, everyone is invited to join them for their 1st annual *California Community Day* and Open Studio event.

Mark Lusardi, a well-known and respected ceramic artist, will be setting up an outdoor kiln in the parking lot by Mojo Coffee where visitors can choose a piece of clay pottery to glaze and fire (for free!) in a process called *Raku firing*. It takes about an hour and a half to fire and cool the pottery, so be sure to tour six floors of open studios while you wait for your pottery to cool.

Besides the Raku firing, here are a few more highlights:

- In the lobby, BNA is sponsoring a *Mississippi River Visions* public art project on which participants can paint, write a poem, work with fabrics, or create whatever it is that inspires them to envision a beautiful river in the future. What will it look like? How will it smell? (You get the picture.) Fine Artist **Richard Luka** will be the art director for this project. All ages are welcome to participate.
- On the third floor, **Aisha Formanski** at *Everthine Jewelry* will be hosting a “make and take” demonstration. Come and stamp your own Northeast inspired charms to make necklaces!
- On the second floor, the *On2 Gallery* will host a reception and solo exhibit of paintings by **Reynaldo Diaz**.

MWMO Solar Party

Tuesday, August 9, 5-7pm
2522 Marshall Street NE

Curious about solar energy? Thinking about going solar at home or at your business, but not sure what it would take? Come to the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization’s solar party and learn more about how solar works and how their new 7.7 kW rooftop solar system has changed the way MWMO operates.

The event is open to all in the community who are curious about solar and the work MWMO does to conserve our water resources. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Be a Master Water Steward

Tuesday, August 9
5:30-6:30 pm
Freshwater Society
2424 W Territorial Rd, St. Paul

The Freshwater Society’s Master Water Stewards program certifies and supports community leaders to install pollution prevention projects that educate community members, reduce pollutants from urban runoff, and allow more water to soak into the ground before running into storm sewer systems. Interested? Attend the August 9 information session to learn about curriculum, tuition and other relevant details. For more information, visit masterwaterstewards.org

Mississippi Minute Film Festival: Call for Entries

Entry deadline for 60-second films about the Mississippi River is Sept. 15 with winners announced on Oct. 24. For more information, visit their website at www.mississippiminute.org

Websites

Bottineau Neighborhood Association
bottineauneighborhood.org

Minneapolis
www.minneapolismn.gov

3rd Ward
www.minneapolismn.gov/ward3

Inspections
www.minneapolismn.gov/inspections

Hennepin County
www.hennepin.us

Park Board
minneapolisparcs.org

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
www.pca.state.mn.us

Public Education NE
publicedne.blogspot.com

Friends of the Mississippi
fmr.org

NE Minneapolis Arts Association
nema.org

Northeast Investment Cooperative
neic.coop

MN State Legislature
www.leg.state.mn.us

Minneapolis Crime Alerts
www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimealert

Eureka Recycling
twincitiesfreemarket.org

Dislocated Worker Program
tinyurl.com/mn-gov-deed

Neighborhood & Community Relations
www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr

Mark Your Calendars



No BNA Board Meeting in August

- 8/13 Calif. Community Day (see page 3)
Please join BNA for *Mississippi River Visions* & Presentation of Air Pollution Study at 11am, Noon, 1, 2 & 3pm in the California Bldg Lobby
- 9/22 BNA Board Elections (see page 2)

NOTE: The public is welcome at all BNA meetings. All meetings are accessible and requests for special accommodations at BNA meetings may be made by contacting us no less than one week prior to the event. This publication can be made available in an alternative format. Please contact BNA with specific requests.

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